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25. (Twice Amended) The device of claim 24, wherein said supporting sheet has at least a face equipped with gluing means before it is applied onto said mosaic tesserae.

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[Please insert the following new claims:]

26. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the panels of glass mosaic include a plurality of mosaic tesserae arranged in a desired geometric configuration, and wherein the panels include a transparent supporting sheet arranged on the visible face of said mosaic tesserae.

27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein said supporting sheet has at least a face equipped with gluing means before it is applied onto said mosaic tesserae.

**REMARKS**

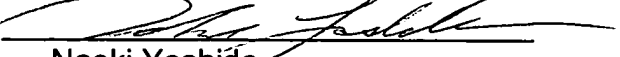
Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to improve form, and claims 24 and 25 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Claims 26 and 27 are newly added in the case.

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APPENDIX TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OF DECEMBER 10, 2002

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Twice Amended) A device [to produce] for producing panels of mosaic tesserae, used to apply at least a supporting and/or lining sheet on a visible face of said tesserae arranged inside an advancing frame, said device comprising feeding means and application means for applying said sheet cooperating with the feeding means of said frame, said application means including cutting means to cut to size a segment of said sheet and suction drum rotating means to retain at least temporarily, on their outer cylindrical surface, said segment of sheet and to release said segment onto said mosaic tesserae.

15. (Twice Amended) A method [to produce] of producing panels of mosaic tesserae and in particular to apply at least a supporting and/or lining sheet on a visible face of the mosaic tesserae arranged inside an advancing frame, the method comprising using feeding means and application means for applying said sheet cooperating with the feeding means of said frame, cutting to size a segment of the sheet, [and] retaining at least temporarily, on [their] an outer cylindrical surface of suction drum rotating means, said segment of sheet and [release it] releasing said segment onto said frame containing said mosaic tesserae.

24. (Twice Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the panels [Panels] of glass mosaic [, comprising] include a plurality of mosaic tesserae arranged in a desired geometric configuration, [characterized in that they comprise] and wherein the panels

include a transparent supporting sheet arranged on the visible face of said mosaic tesserae.

25. (Twice Amended) The [panels as in] device of claim 24, wherein said supporting sheet has at least a face equipped with gluing means before it is applied onto said mosaic tesserae.

26. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the panels of glass mosaic include a plurality of mosaic tesserae arranged in a desired geometric configuration, and wherein the panels include a transparent supporting sheet arranged on the visible face of said mosaic tesserae.

27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein said supporting sheet has at least a face equipped with gluing means before it is applied onto said mosaic tesserae.

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